

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-8 and add new claims 9-22, as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-8 (canceled)

9. (New) A method for data exchange between an electric device and a user interface via a data network, comprising:
exchanging data between the electric device and the user interface in the form of data packets; and
transmitting a complete data record containing one of all the control information that is relevant for the control of the device and all the relevant status information with each data packet from said user interface to said electric device.
10. (New) The method according to claim 9, including coding control information contained in said data packet and not required for the instantaneous control of said device with neutral parameter information.
11. (New) The method according to claim 9, including coding status information contained in said data packet and not required by said user interface with neutral parameter information.
12. (New) The method according to claim 9, including providing an electrical household appliance and controlling and monitoring said electrical household appliance with said data packets transmitted from said user interface.
13. (New) The method according to claim 9, including said data network is a public data network, especially the internet.
14. (New) The method according to claim 9, including said user interface forming at least a component of a control unit.
15. (New) The method according to claim 14, including said user interface forming said control unit.
16. (New) An electric device, comprising:

a control unit;

a remote user interface coupled to said control unit via a data network;

said remote user interface communicating with said control unit via said data network;

exchanging data between said control unit and said user interface by transmitting said data via said data network in the form of data packets;

each said data packet forming a complete data record; and

each said data record containing one of all the control information that is relevant for the control of said device and all the relevant status information with each data packet transmitted from said user interface to said control unit.

17. (New) The electric device according to claim 16, including control information contained in said data packet and not required for the instantaneous control of said device coded with neutral parameter information.
18. (New) The electric device according to claim 16, including status information contained in said data packet and not required by said user interface coded with neutral parameter information.
19. (New) The electric device according to claim 16, wherein the electric device is an electrical household appliance and said control unit controls and monitors said electrical household appliance using said data packets transmitted from said user interface.
20. (New) The electric device according to claim 16, including said data network is a public data network, especially the internet.
21. (New) The electric device according to claim 16, including said user interface forms at least a component of a second control unit.
22. (New) The electric device according to claim 21, including said user interface forms said second control unit.